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DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE  
**Security Committee**

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Paul J. Hyman  
Director of Transportation and Warehousing Policy,  
Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense  
(Manpower, Reserve Affairs and Logistics)

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Chairman

SUBJECT : Transmission of Classified Data by Mail

1. At the request of higher authority, my office is making a survey of the extent to which classified information is transmitted by mail. Since the Department of Defense is probably the largest single user of the postal system for the transmission of classified information, we are quite interested in obtaining data on Defense experience with such means. In particular, we need to be able to assess the approximate risk involved in using the mails for such purposes. Mr. Charles Smith of your office has been most helpful in providing preliminary data in this regard. In order to identify the risk factor (known losses in the mails as a percentage of total mailings), we need to know approximately how many registered mailings the Department of Defense makes annually.

2. Your cooperation in identifying the approximate annual total of Defense registered mailings is requested. We understand that the figure will of necessity be an approximation, but we would appreciate the best estimate you can provide within a reasonable period.

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